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To whom it may concern:

As a software developer who has written for Windows and UNIX operating systems, I would like to comment on the Proposed Final Judgement in the United States vs. Microsoft.

I understand that the intent of the agreement is to prevent microsoft from illegally stifling competition. The current settlement will not achieve that goal. Here is one of the many of the reasons:

Many of the definitios are too narrow to be of any effect. For example, the definitions of Microsoft Middleware Product and Windows Operating System Product are seriously flawed. They explicitly include products that Microsoft does not expect to be critical to their future and exclude important new products.

The whole tenor of the document is that of a firm outward appearance with a very soft and mushy core. If the document is approved as written, I have no doubt that Microsoft will be able to continue it's anti-competitive practices virtually undiminished. There are so many problems that approval is clearly not in the public interest.

Sincerely,  
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